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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICIES, ROME,
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1. SUBJECT MEETING OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY DR. RALPH PHILLIPS,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL FAO. WHILE SPEECH ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE
OF NUTRITION AND THE DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION ASPECTS OF FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE, HIS TONE IMPLIED THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT GREATLY
ALTER ITS PRESENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THIS FEELING WAS REIN-
FORCED IN A SEPARATE MEETING OF USDEL PETERSON WITH ISLAM OF FAO.

2. ISLAM INDICATED HE IS CONSIDERING SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP
OF DIVISIONAL HEADS AS A METHOD TO RAISE NUTRITION ISSUES WITHIN
FAO. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE WORKING GROUP APPROACH WOULD
HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF FAO'S ONGOING ACTIVITIES
AND PRIORITIES ASSIGNED. ISLAM GAVE CLEAR INDICATION THAT FAO
WOULD NOT CONSIDER AT THIS TIME ACTIONS TO SHIFT FUNDS FROM OTHER
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PROGRAMS TO NUTRITION.

3. FIRST DAY MEETING COVERED AGENDA ITEMS 1 THRU 5. MR.
PRASAD, JOINT SECRETARY OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, WAS ELECTED
CHAIRMAN. MR. G.F. WILMINK, DENMARK MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS WILL NOT
APPEAR ON THE AGENDA UNTIL TOMORROW.

4. HEAD OF DELEGATION PETERSON PRESENTED OPENING STATEMENT, REFTEL (A). IT WAS WELL RECEIVED, WITH FAVORABLE REFERENCES FROM DELEGATES MAKING SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS.

5. MANY DELEGATES CAME UP TO USDEL TO COMPLIMENT DR. PETERSON ON HER SPEECH AND TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR U.S. INITIATIVES.

6. IN FINAL DRAFT U.S. DID RAISE QUESTION OF REALLOCATION OF FAO RESOURCES TO MEET NUTRITION GOALS OUTLINED BY U.S.HOLMES

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